James V. Forrestal

Bio warfare Mar 13 - 20

Defense Jan 16

Natl Sec. Act
Ja 12
Mr 25

Missles Jan 2

Space Ships Feb 17

Resigns Mar 29th 1949
Mar 4

Kl - Apr 8 pg. 20

Recovering Apr. 17 pg 24 - 5
28 : 3 : 6

Pres. Truman Ap 24 : 35 : 4

Jumps May 18, 9:5
May 22, 1:8
May 23 1:7, 8: Sophocles inscription

flame for death May 24 10 3:4

Sept 23, 13:4 - papers held "spec.

Oct 12, 15:1

Bio Warfare

Mr. 13 – 1:2

statement Mr 13 37:1

Mr 20 Sec IV 11:6

Russia tries Japs for ~~used~~ experimenting
experimenting with Bio warfare on
Russian & US POW's in China - Dec '49

Mar 12 Forrestal broke 3 yr.
NY Times silence imposed on military
for use of "biological warfare"
by Army Chief of Staff D D Eisenhower

- Report submitted then withdrawn by War Dept.
- Prepared by George W. Merck Am. Chem. manufacturer
- told of successful efforts by allies to be prepared for Axis possible use of germ warfare - Headed War Research Service
- Gen Waitt - Chief Army Chem. Corps also "no stockpiles for germ warfare at that time"

later headed US Bio Warfare Committee

Chmn of Robt A. Lovett - former Asst Sec. of War for Air

JVF
- flown from Hobe Sound Fla. to Bethl. Hosp. on Sat Apr. 2nd — entered as "ambulatory patient"
- nervous and physical exhaustion

Sun Apr 17 Capt BW Hogan says JVF is recovering from occupational fatigue - only a matter of time — predicts JVF will have "no turns for the worse" — regaining "lost 25 lbs." — "radios & telephones" barred from room"

Apr 28

Sec of Def L Johnson visits JVF
"looks fine" - out by Mid May" predicts
Pres Truman via L.J. Offers plane for
"round the world trip" after JVF gets out!

May 18 -

Nothing

Sun. May 22nd 1:AM
jumped to death
10 - 12 stories above ground
(vague)
LCDR Wm. C. Mulry made statement

Mon May 23

- 13 Story leap (his rm 1618) - jumped from diet kitchen nearby
declined sleeping pill - Greek Trasedian
Sophocles - open to poem about "comfort of death"
- called "casualty of war" -
(as if he died at the front)
- found with sash of dressing gown tied tightly around his neck
(perhaps tried to hang himself?)
Pages 278-279
Chorus from Ajax
[Anthology of World Poetry]

- suffered relapse 2 weeks previous but was "recovering"
- renewed "free" use of phone hosp says
- Rear Adm. Morton D. Wilcutts orders Inquiry
- felt unjustifiably blamed for Mid East oil considerations in conjunct w/ aspirations of Zionist movement in Israel ó
- denounced for "alleged" preference to Arab oil over Jews ó
- 3 weeks previous - Med intern was withdrawn from JVF's room ! only kept at desk outside door
- worked for big (strong) Navy against Army - Navy merger
- Diary or journal filled cabinet — requested transference to White House from Fla. Strip - Letter protection
- excellent reference journal ó made dictation nightly concerning days work — 1940 on he was aid to FDR - cabinet asst. etc. . . .

presumably they were at Pentagon Office